Randee 2015 Hooding Ceremony script

**(after Bary finishes speaking, go up and move podium to stage right – with Puanani, Laura or Jan? Check.)**

Hello everyone!

I’m Randee Gibbons, the Assistant MPA Director for the Public and Non-Profit Administration and Public Policy concentrations. It’s been my honor \*and\* my pleasure to work with the amazing students who are graduating today -- in fact, I’ll gladly grab the honor of “I knew them first!” because I recruit students for our program.

During the past couple of weeks, I saw most of these students present their work in their Capstone class. What kept coming to mind was “Such good people doing such good work.” I’m already so proud of you all! Thank you for all of the good work that you have already done \*and\* for all of the good work that I \*know\* you will be doing for our communities, our country and our world!

OK…we’re now going to proceed with the hooding of this year’s MPA graduates! Each graduate will be called up onto the stage -- in the order listed on the Hooding Ceremony program -- to be hooded by the person or people of their choice.

Graduates: when I call your row, please rise as a group and walk up this side aisle until the one who is currently the **\*last\*** person seated in your row is on the aisle. This will be the \*first\* person to be hooded. So, for the first row, this will be Jason.

Then, I’m going to read your names in the order listed on the program. When I call your name, you will walk toward the stage, up the stairs and *(point)* up onto the stage. If faculty will be hooding you, the faculty member you’ve chosen will meet you at center stage *(point)*. If family or friends will be hooding you, they will come up and meet you at center stage. After you are hooded, walk back down the stairs, *(point)* up the center aisle and return to your seat.

If you are in the **audience** and will be hooding one of the graduates: find your graduate’s name on the program, and get ready to move as you hear your graduate’s name. You’ll proceed to the front of the room and up onto center stage to hood your graduate.

Will the **first** row please rise and get ready to be hooded?

<read names>

Will the **next** row please rise and get ready to be hooded?

<read names>

Will the **final** row please rise and get ready to be hooded?

<read names>

Graduates, please stand.

Now…it is my honor to present…the Evergreen State College MPA class of 2015!

<applause, crowd & grads go wild>

Graduates, please be seated.

Cheryl will now come up to deliver some closing remarks.